

# Dufferin Elementary

Volume 2

October 6, 2017

Dear Parents:

We have had a busy and successful start up to a new school year. Thank you all to all staff, students and parents for the warm welcome and helpful attitude. As October begins, we continue to work toward our academic and social emotional goals. We look forward to connecting with all parents next week during Parent / Teacher interviews. Please visit the bulletin board by the gym to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

All the best,  
Mrs. Katrina Sewell

At Dufferin Elementary, we believe  
Our students should AIM high:  
Achieving excellence, Imagining a future  
and Making it happen, through  
creative, hands on academic and  
Social competencies.

## NEW STAFF WELCOME

We would like to welcome the following staff members, who started new positions at Dufferin in September:

Mrs. M. Paulsen – CEA  
Mrs. T. Silver – CEA  
Mrs. S. Torres – Teacher Preps / Grade 1/2  
Mrs. L. Zieber – Learning Assistance / Prep

## DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

8:22am	Warning Bell
8:30am	Classes Begin
10:05am	Recess Begins
10:20am	Recess Ends / Classes Begin
12:00pm	Lunch – Outside Play Time
12:40pm	Lunch – Inside Eating Time
1:00pm	Lunch Ends
2:30pm	Students Dismissed



## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Our district operates an automated "Safe Arrival Program." After the 8:30 bell, teachers report the names of students who are absent or late (this is done on line). This is checked with the "reported absences" that are entered by parents on line and the parents of students who are unaccounted for are contacted in an automated call out.

In order for this program to operate smoothly, it is imperative that parents call the 1-800 number or access the website **before 8:30am** to let the school know if their child is going to be absent or late. The website: <http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com> and the phone number: 1-844-350-2647 can both be found on our website, in the upper left corner of our Dufferin home page.

## EARLY CLOSURE DAY

The purpose of early closure day is for parents and teachers to meet and discuss how their student is doing in school this year. This also enables parents and students to celebrate the things that are going well (and keep them up) and work on the things that are still in progress or developing. We will be holding these interviews next Thursday, October 12th. There is a sign up board by the gym if you have yet to book a time. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on this day.

**A reminder that students who take the  
Lac Le Jeune bus will need to make alternate  
pick up arrangements on this day.**

## SUPERVISORS REQUIRED

We are still looking for people to assist us with supervision of students at lunch between 12:00 and 1:00 from Monday to Friday.

An honorarium is provided for anyone interested in helping out. If you are able to supervise on any of these times or days on a regular / weekly basis, please contact the office at 250-374-4425

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Thank you to the PAC for hosting the Back-to-School BBQ last Tuesday. We were pleased to see so many families and staff come out for a night of food and laughter.

Mark your calendars! The PAC will once again be hosting a Family Halloween Dance. This event will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm. There will be a DJ and a concession. Come show your Dufferin school spirit in this fun, family-friendly atmosphere!

The PAC executive met on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and they welcomed parents who came to their first meeting. Future PAC Meetings will be the first Monday of the month for those wishing to attend.

For information as it happens, visit the PAC Facebook Page at "THE DRAGON'S PACK", or email the PAC executive at [dufferinelempac@gmail.com](mailto:dufferinelempac@gmail.com).

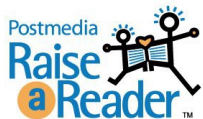
## CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country season is coming to an end. Thank you to Ms. Dalsin for practicing with students and cheering them on at all their running events!



Dufferin will be hosting its annual Billy Goat Cross Country running event on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. Students from schools across Kamloops will join us for an afternoon of running. Although we have many staff assisting with this event, we could use additional parent help.

***Please contact the school if you are able to volunteer during the Billy Goat Run.***



## RAISE-A-READER

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Raise-a-Reader campaign was a big success. Thank you to Shari Harrison and Mrs. McGarry for

volunteering to hawk papers with Trustee Chair Wade. Our Dufferin families contributed **\$125** to this campaign. Overall, the district raised over \$2400, which will support local literacy programs.

## TERRY FOX RUN

This year's Terry Fox Run was a huge success! Students from Mrs. Lovett's class read Terry Fox trivia on the morning announcements leading up to the event. Sabrina Sinclair lead our students in a warm up before participating in the run. The school spirit was fantastic, with students wearing red and bringing in a toonie for Terry. This year our Dufferin school community raised **\$525!**



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

A special thank you to Mrs. Farkas for planning our Orange Shirt Day last week. Members of our Aboriginal community shared stories about the impact of residential schools on Aboriginal families, as well as sharing traditional drumming and singing.

## DUFFERIN ROCKS!

At Dufferin Elementary we follow our "ROCKS" matrix. ROCKS stands for:

**R**espectful  
**O**rganized  
**C**aring  
**K**ind  
**S**afe



This month we are going to be working on **Being Safe at school**. Students are reminded of ways to be safe around the school, and they can earn a paper leaf when they are caught being safe. These leaves are proudly displayed in the hallway beside the office in celebration of their hard work.

You can review these expectations with your child at home by looking at the ROCKS Matrix in the student agenda.

## VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball season begins on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to teacher sponsors Mrs. Preymak, Mrs. Geoghegan, and Mrs. McGarry, and parent coach, Rikki Paquette for your time as our students prepare for the season.



## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

Our first Young People's concert of the year will be on Monday, October 30th. Students will be busing to the Sagebrush Theatre to watch a Green Thumb Theatre performance titled "Not So Dumb".

## SCENT POLICY

Just a reminder to parents about our school scent policy. There are many people in the general public who suffer from allergies to scents of all kinds. As such, the school district requires that we limit the use of scents, including those that may be considered natural (ie: Lavender/ Patchouli), in school buildings. Indoor use of scents greatly enhances their smell, as air circulation and closed doors don't allow for dissipation as readily as outdoors. We appreciate your attention to this matter.



## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Oct 9 – Thanksgiving – No School  
Oct 12 – Parent Teacher Interviews  
Early Closure: 12:30pm  
Oct 13 – Billy Goat Run (afternoon)  
Oct 20 – Non-Instructional Day – No School  
Oct 27 – Family Halloween Dance: 6 – 8pm  
Oct 30 – Young People's Concert (YPC) #1  
Nov 6 – PAC Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00pm  
Nov 6-10 – Scholastic Book Fair  
Nov 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am  
Nov 13 – Remembrance Day Holiday  
Nov 15 – Picture Retakes

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit our school website for the most up-to-date information, including calendar events.

Our school website is:  
[www.dufferin.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.dufferin.sd73.bc.ca)

## NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 25, 2017

## CONSENT AGENDA

Early closure dates — Amendment 2  
Notice of Motion — Policy 542.1 Violence Threat Risk Assessment

Details of the consent agenda can be found on the public agenda.

## EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board heard about the success of the 2017 Special Olympics BC Summer Games, which were hosted in Kamloops in early July. Special Olympics President and CEO Dan Howe told trustees that 1,570 athletes and coaches competed in the 11 sports offered. Many of the District's facilities were used to stage events or host athletes.

"All of this would not have been possible if we didn't have (the District's) tremendous support," said Howe.

## REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CEA STAFFING REQUEST - To meet the needs of increased enrolment as well as an increase in the numbers of students with special education designation, the Board was asked to approve an additional 12.0 FTEs to the Certified Education Assistant budget. Trustees approved the request unanimously.

RURAL TEACHERS TEACHING ON CALL - The Board was told about an initiative that will see teachers teaching on call hired to specific full-time assignments in the communities of Barriere and Chase. The hiring of term-certain TTOC positions in these communities will address on-going and historic problems filling short-term and temporary vacancies. This will be a one-year "experiment" that could be implemented in other rural communities in the future.

## CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wade told trustees about the launch of the Maker Program in the district. Every elementary school this year will get a "maker kit" filled with tools and materials. The kits are designed to teach problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity.

The next public board meeting will take place October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Barriere at 7 pm.